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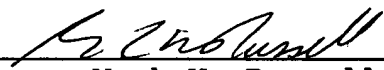
The official action included a rejection over EP 535,186, having an effective date of February 2, 1993 and German Patent 4,203,090 of August 17, 1993. No copy of the German reference was provided so it is not clear if its number is correct.

There is submitted herewith a certified translation of applicants' priority document from which it is readily apparent the instant claims are entitled to the benefit of its October 5, 1992 date.

Thus both the EP and German patents are antedated.

Favorable action for the reasons of record is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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